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San Diego, Calif. – U.S. Congressman Bob Filner made the following statement regarding the editorial cartoon that ran on Saturday, July 10, 2010 in the Imperial Valley Press:

"The cartoon was in poor taste and does not reflect the Imperial Valley's strong support for our troops and veterans. As the Chair of the Veterans Affairs Committee, I know all too well that our veterans coming home from combat face an uphill battle while dealing with injuries, focusing on mental health, and reconnecting with friends and family. It is my hope that the Imperial Valley Press would educate the public on how we can support our troops as they return home and not undermine that effort."